

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer system, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a display supported by the housing;
 - a processor coupled to the display;
 - a rechargeable battery configured to power the processor and the display;
 - a recharging connector coupled to the rechargeable battery;
 - a recharger coupled to the recharging connector; and
 - a radio frequency transceiver coupled to the processor and powerable by the battery when the battery has a charge above a low level, the transceiver configured to send and receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the recharger provides charge to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver, the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and when no charge is being provided to the battery by the recharger.
2. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger is a recharging cradle.
3. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger includes a recharger connector configured to couple to the recharging connector.
4. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger is also a synchronization cradle.
5. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 4, wherein the synchronization cradle includes an electrical connector that is configured to couple to the recharging connector.

6. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 5, wherein the electrical connector is configured to couple to a data connector on the handheld computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting data over a radio frequency (RF) link from a handheld computer having a low battery charge, comprising:

providing the handheld computer with a rechargeable battery having a relatively low charge, the relatively low charges being too low to transmit information using a transceiver of the handheld computer;

coupling the handheld computer to a recharger;

providing power from the recharger to a the transceiver of the handheld computer and the battery while the handheld computer is coupled to the recharger;

establishing an RF link using the transceiver while the battery has a relatively low charge and the handheld computer is coupled to the recharger.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing power from the rechargeable battery to the transceiver.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

coupling the handheld computer to a synchronization cradle, the synchronization cradle having a charger connector.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing data across the RF link.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

draining the rechargeable battery to a charge level at which the transceiver is unable to establish an RF link.

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving an e-mail message.

13. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
receiving a cellular telephone call.
14. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer, comprising:
a housing;
a display supported by the housing;
a processor coupled to the display;
a rechargeable battery configured to power the processor and the display;
a recharging connector coupled to the rechargeable battery; and
a radio frequency (RF) transceiver coupled to the processor and powerable by the
battery when the battery has a charge above a low level, the transceiver configured to send and
receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the recharging connector receives
power from a power source and provides power to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver,
the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and when no
charge is being provided to the battery via the recharging connector .
15. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 14, further comprising:
a computer program running on the processor, the computer program configured
to request access to the RF transceiver.
16. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 15, wherein the computer program is
an e-mail program.
17. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 15, wherein the computer program is
an always-on e-mail program.
18. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer of claim 14, further comprising:
an expansion connector coupled to the processor, the expansion connector
configured to couple to input/output devices.

19. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 18, wherein the RF transceiver is coupled to the expansion connector.

20. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer, comprising:
an expansion module including a rechargeable battery and a radio frequency (RF) transceiver, the battery configured to power the transceiver when the battery has a charge above a low level;
a processor;
a display; and
a module connector configured to couple to the expansion module,
wherein the RF transceiver is configured to send and receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the module receives power from a power source and provides power to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver, the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and when no charge power is being provided to the battery received by the module from the power source.